# Clemente Course Application 2026–2027

## What is the Clemente Course?

The Bard College Clemente Course in the Humanities is now accepting applications for its 2026–2027 session. Now entering its 29th year, the program offers a college-level introduction to the humanities—philosophy, literature, US history, art history, and critical thinking and writing. **Students attend at no cost.** Tuition and books will be provided. Students who successfully complete the two-semester course will earn 6 college credits from Bard College transferable to any higher educational institution. Students who pursue a third semester in the Bridge program receive an additional 3 credits.

## Who qualifies?

You or somebody you know might be the ideal candidate for the Bard College Clemente Course in the Humanities. This national, transition-to-college program provides an introduction to the humanities to anyone coming from a low-income household and who foresees financial or personal difficulty when applying to college or jobs. Applicants must be 16 years of age or older and highly motivated and committed. They do not need a high school degree, but must have the time and desire to attend classes regularly, complete assignments outside of class, and participate fully in the course.

## When do classes meet?

Classes will meet every **Tuesday from 6–8 pm** at 7 Grand Street, Kingston, NY 12401. **Our first class will be held on Thursday, October 1.**

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Your application should be emailed to Marina van Zuylen at vanzuyle@bard.edu.
**Please apply by September 24th.**

**Date** _____

**Last Name** _____

**First Name** _____

**Address** _____

Street Name and Number Apt./Unit No.

**City** **State** **Zip code** _____

**Daytime Phone** _____

**Evening Phone** _____

**Email** _____

**Date of Birth** _____

**Primary Language** _____

**Education** _____

(Are you in high school? Have you already attended college? If yes, at what level?)

## Application Essay

**Required.** Please select from one of the two topics below and write a one-page essay on the following page of this application.

1. Why is education important to you? Alternatively, tell us about a book, essay, or movie that you admire.
2. How could the Clemente Course help you fulfill your goals?

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**Please write your essay here:**